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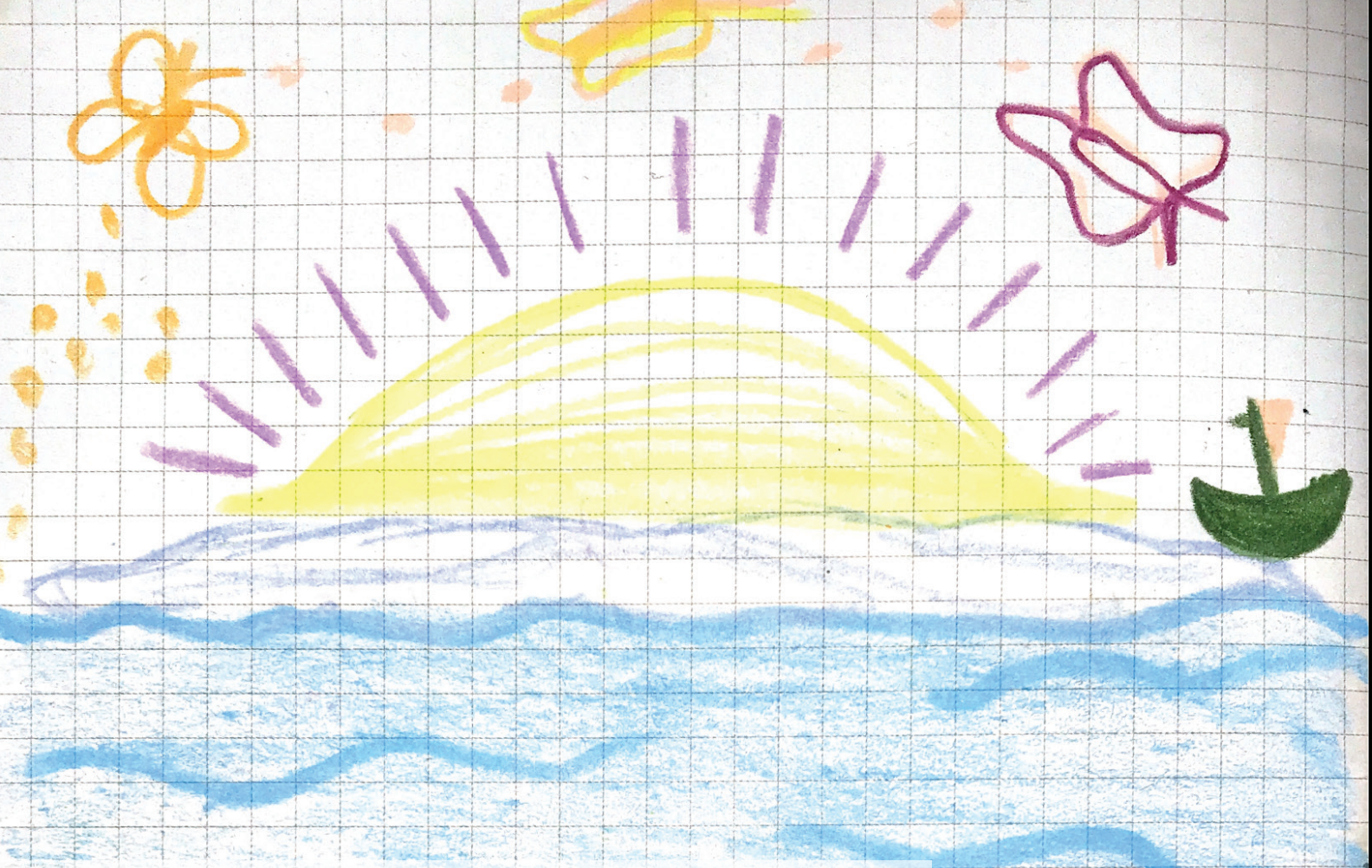

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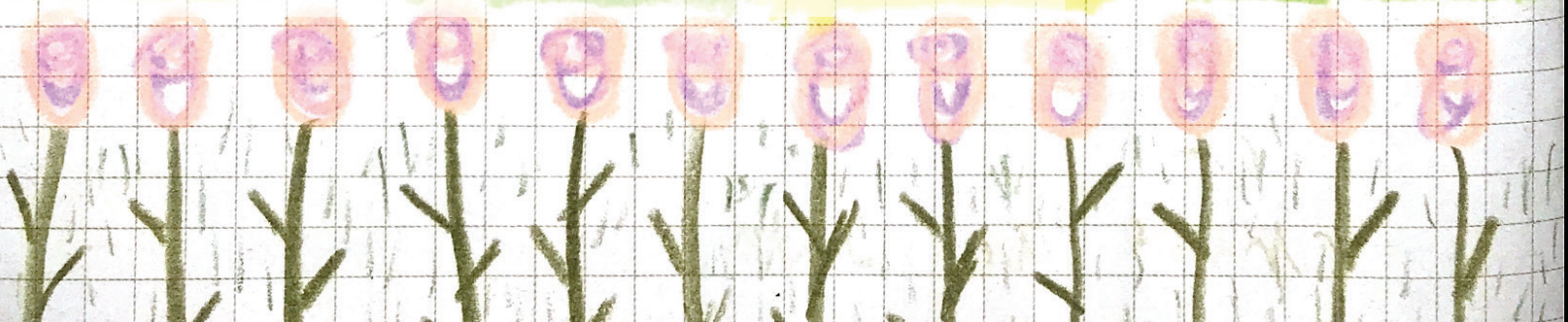
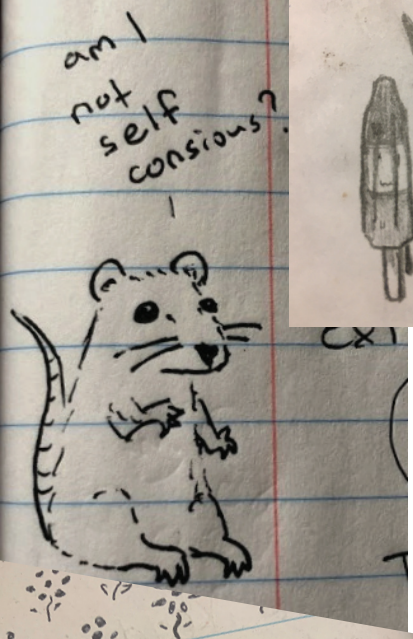
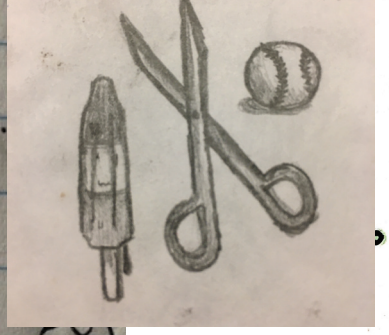
Fruitcake Magazine is devoted to the creation and celebration of informal comics, allowing artists of all levels of experience to express themselves and share their perspectives through the media of comics, cartoons, drawings, doodles, visual narratives, graphic stories, etc. We strive to amplify the voices of those who may not otherwise be heard in our society, and we hope that the stories that readers find within our pages inspire them in turn to create something of their own.





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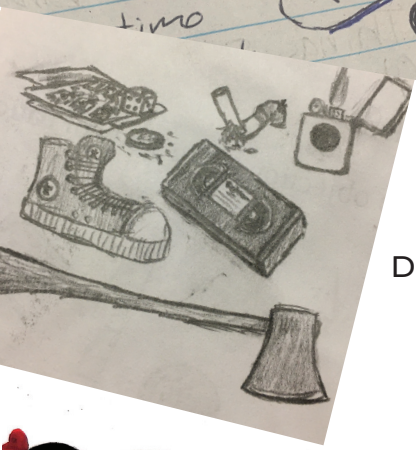

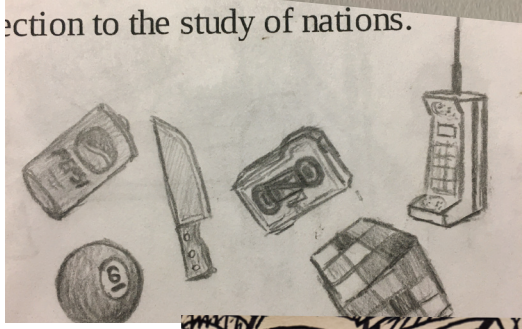


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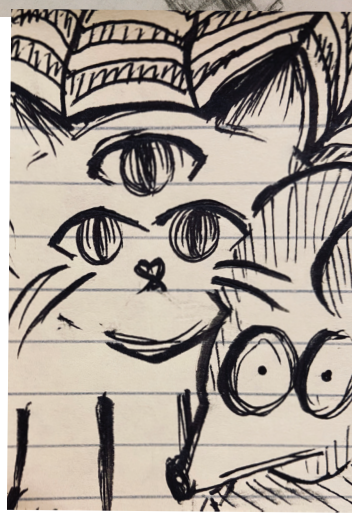

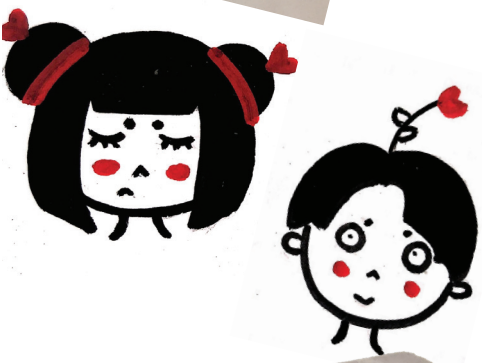

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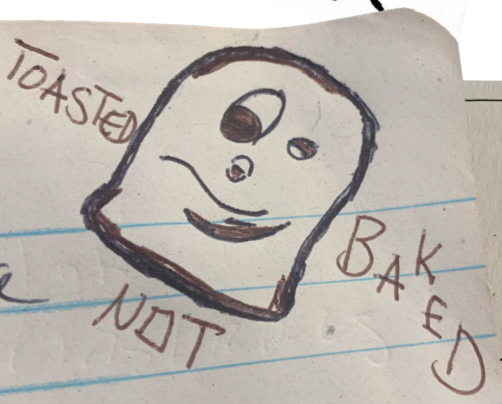

# A Note From the Editors

We hope this mag finds you well in these strange and unprecedented times. Just kidding, we're not another email from admin. In fact, we're hoping to be the opposite by offering a genuine sense of community and originality through self-expression— especially in a moment as pivotal as this one, where we as a world are juggling a pandemic, systemic inequality, and protests sparked by these injustices.

This volume is the result of countless Zoom calls with spotty wi-fi, decisions we've never had to face as an org, and constantly uncertain circumstances. Despite all of these tribulations, we braved this uncharted territory and are ecstatic to be releasing this publication for students and readers everywhere. As we write this, we want to acknowledge that even now, there are bigger matters at hand than a pandemic or any of the issues we faced during production.

Having said that, we want to reaffirm Fruitcake's stance as anti-establishment and deliberately going against tradition, from both an artistic and social perspective. This means we are committed, and will remain committed, to providing a platform to all types of art— professional or not— by artists from all backgrounds. We encourage folx everywhere to continue this fight, whether through art, action, or both. Fruitcake is a space where individuals can express themselves, and going forward, we hope to see more and more spaces like it. #BLM #ACAB

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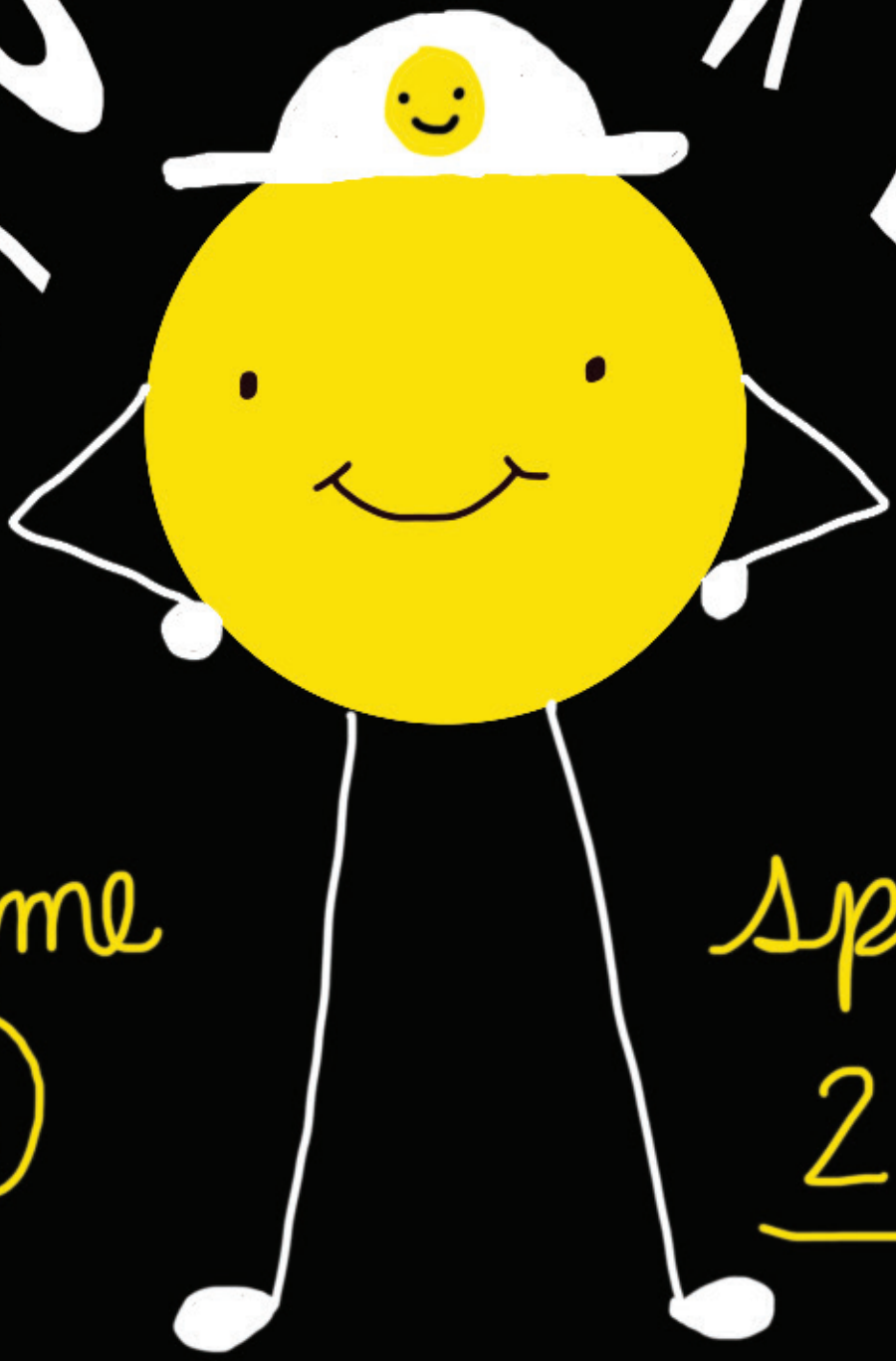

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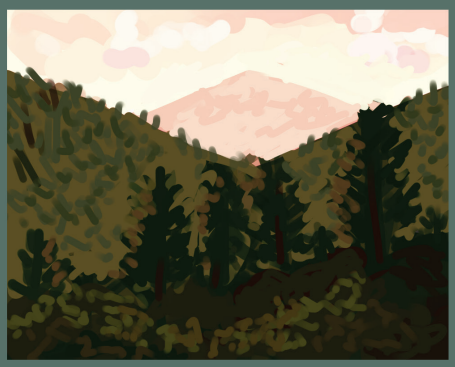

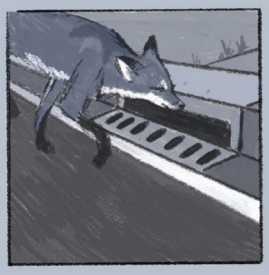

"So what TV shows are you binging?"

"We're drinking our coffee black, now"

"I hope you're staying safe."

"I'm finishing all those books."

"At least we bought all those boxes of mac n' cheese."

"I miss you, too."

Kit Anderson

# Trans Panic

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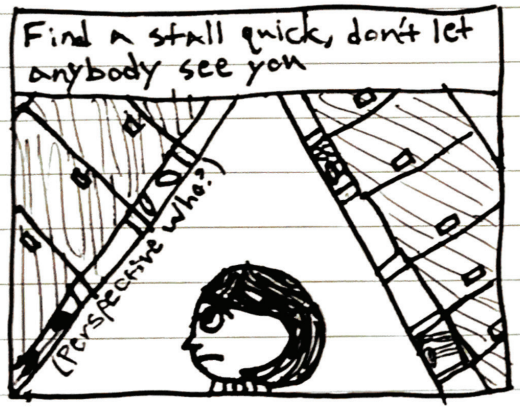
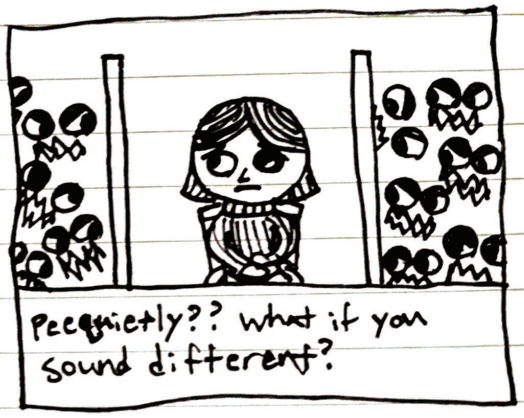
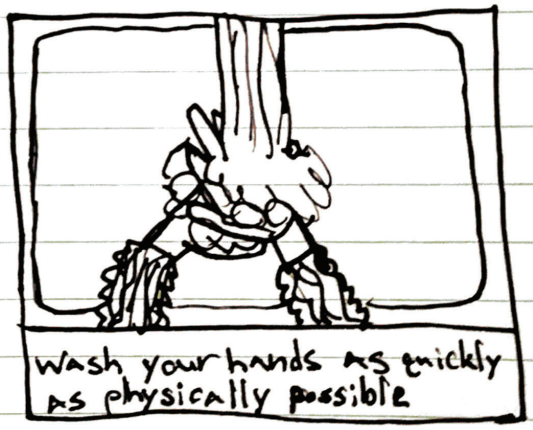
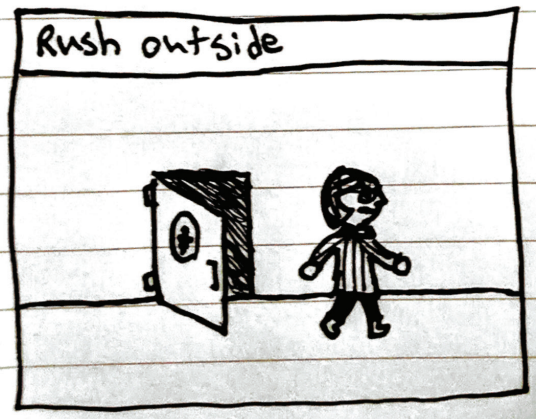
@cammysashimi





**Reflections**

I was 12 and standing in front of the mirror bolted to my bedroom door. It was draped in halloween garland of black and purple sparkly bats. I was naked. I was naked and alone just staring at myself. My eyes started at my widows peak and worked themselves down the reflection. They paused right over my boobs. I was staring at my breasts so long they began to tingle as if they knew I was watching them with wide eyed curiosity. They weren't terribly small. I touched them. No, it wasn't the first time I had touched my boobs, but it was the first time I felt them. I had let my hands roam over and under. I squeezed them. It didn't hurt. Could boobs hurt, not ache, but hurt? I squeezed them as hard as I could.

They sure did hurt, alright.

Jess Galli

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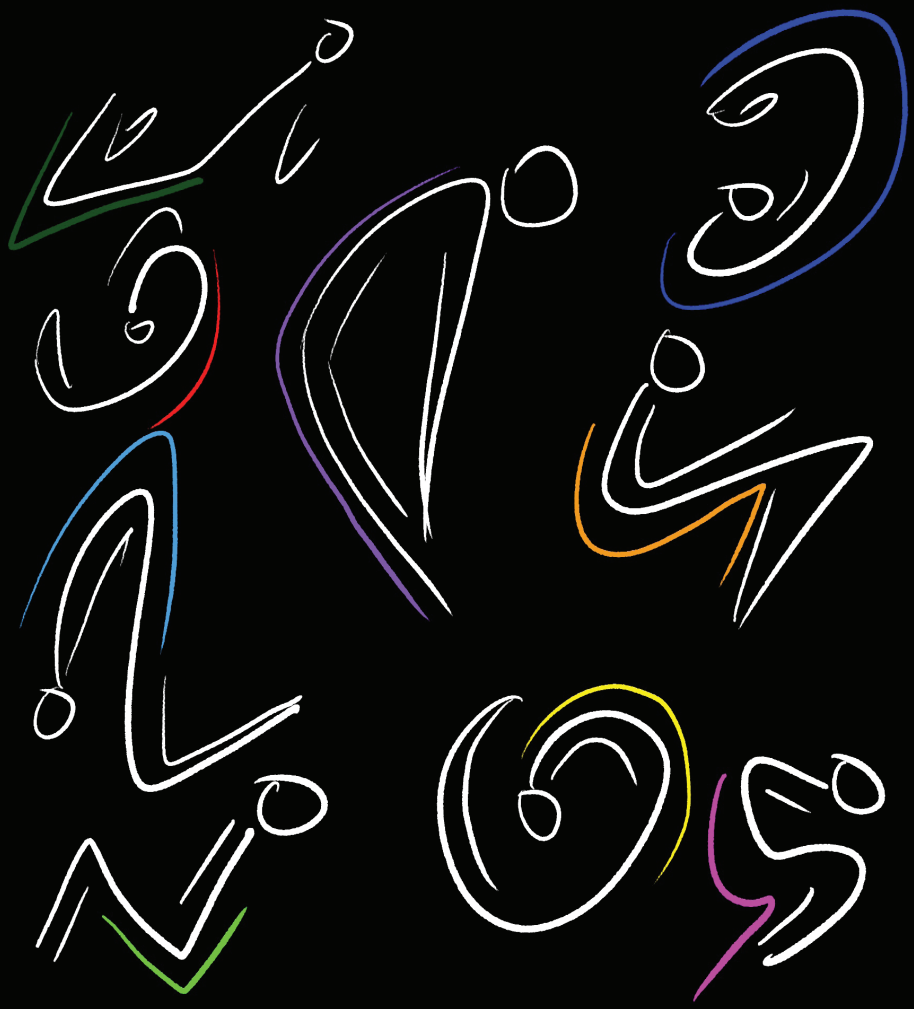

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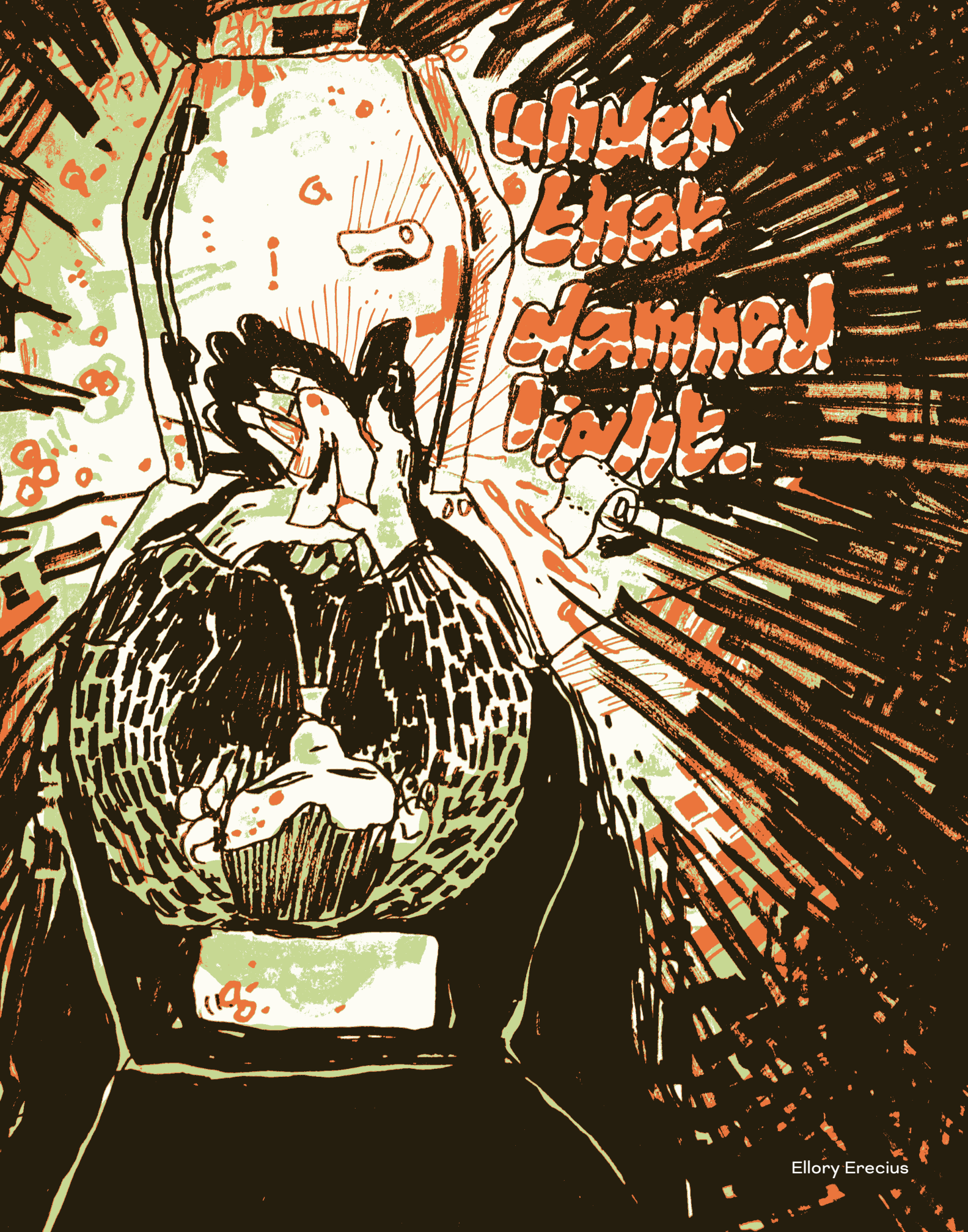
When that happen I pile...
Ellory Erecius

Toni Talbot

I Can see
the sun
setting
From
the
inside
of my
Heart
IF I WOULD
SHUT FUCK
UP... THAT MIGHT
MAKE A DIFFERANCE
Swimming in Diarrhea
OUR LIFE
SEAT BELT
CUTTER
I ♥ CRAC
WHOR
GRADY
VANS

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Celine Louise

Amanda Leiserowitz

Abigail Coomes

Olivia Loorz

Abigail Coomes

HMG

Andrea Duran

Lucinda Gold

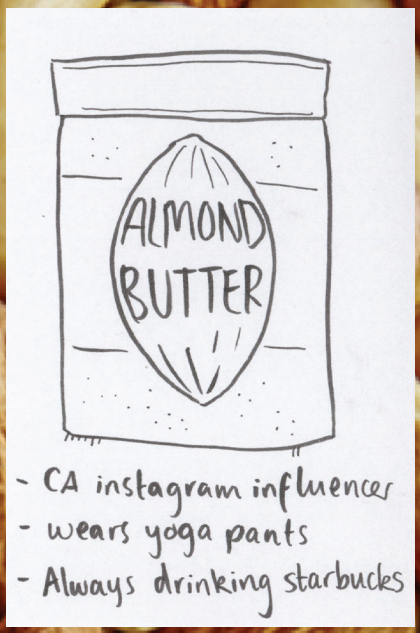
04/19/2020 6:26 am
to-day i wake up a while
before my bayfriend
killed annilate in my
head while i put lemon
curd on my toast.

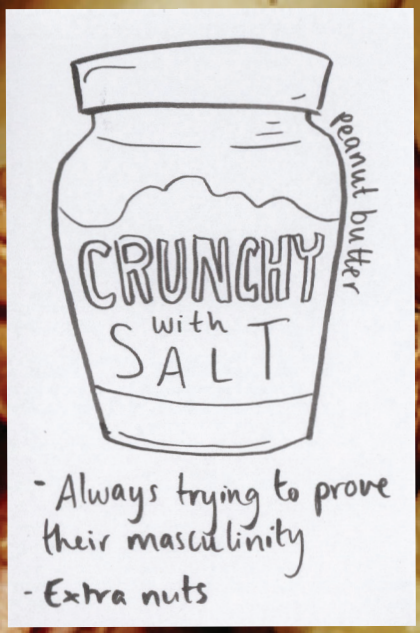
ok so if s he is
in the h and
they c mind
me..

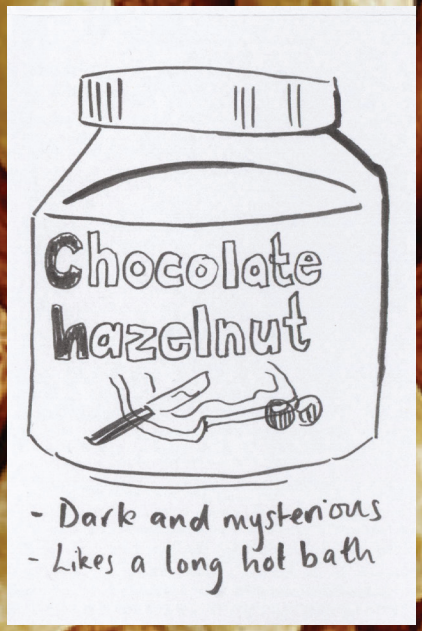
Ellory Erecius

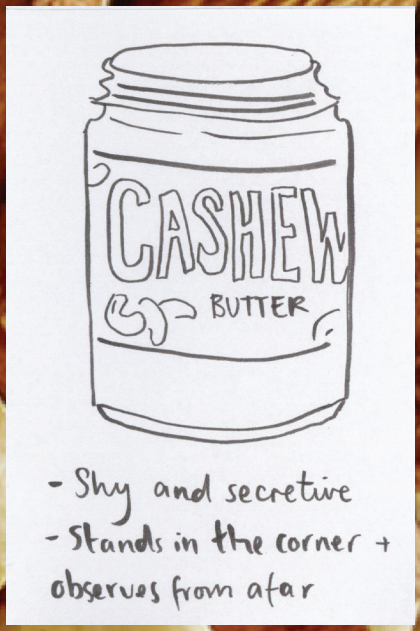
MEET
the
NUT
BUTTERS

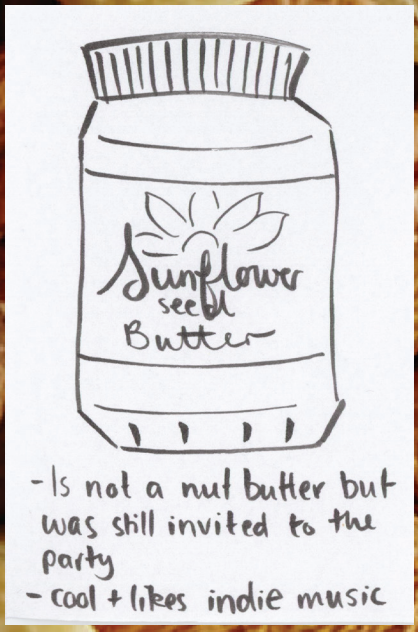
SMOOTH
and
CREAMY
Peanut Butter
- Likes cartoons
- Just wants to have a good time


ALMOND
BUTTER
- CA instagram influencer
- wears yoga pants
- Always drinking starbucks


CRUNCHY
with
SALT
peanut butter
- Always trying to prove their masculinity
- Extra nuts


Chocolate
hazelnut
- Dark and mysterious
- Likes a long hot bath


CASHEW
BUTTER
- Shy and secretive
- Stands in the corner + observes from afar

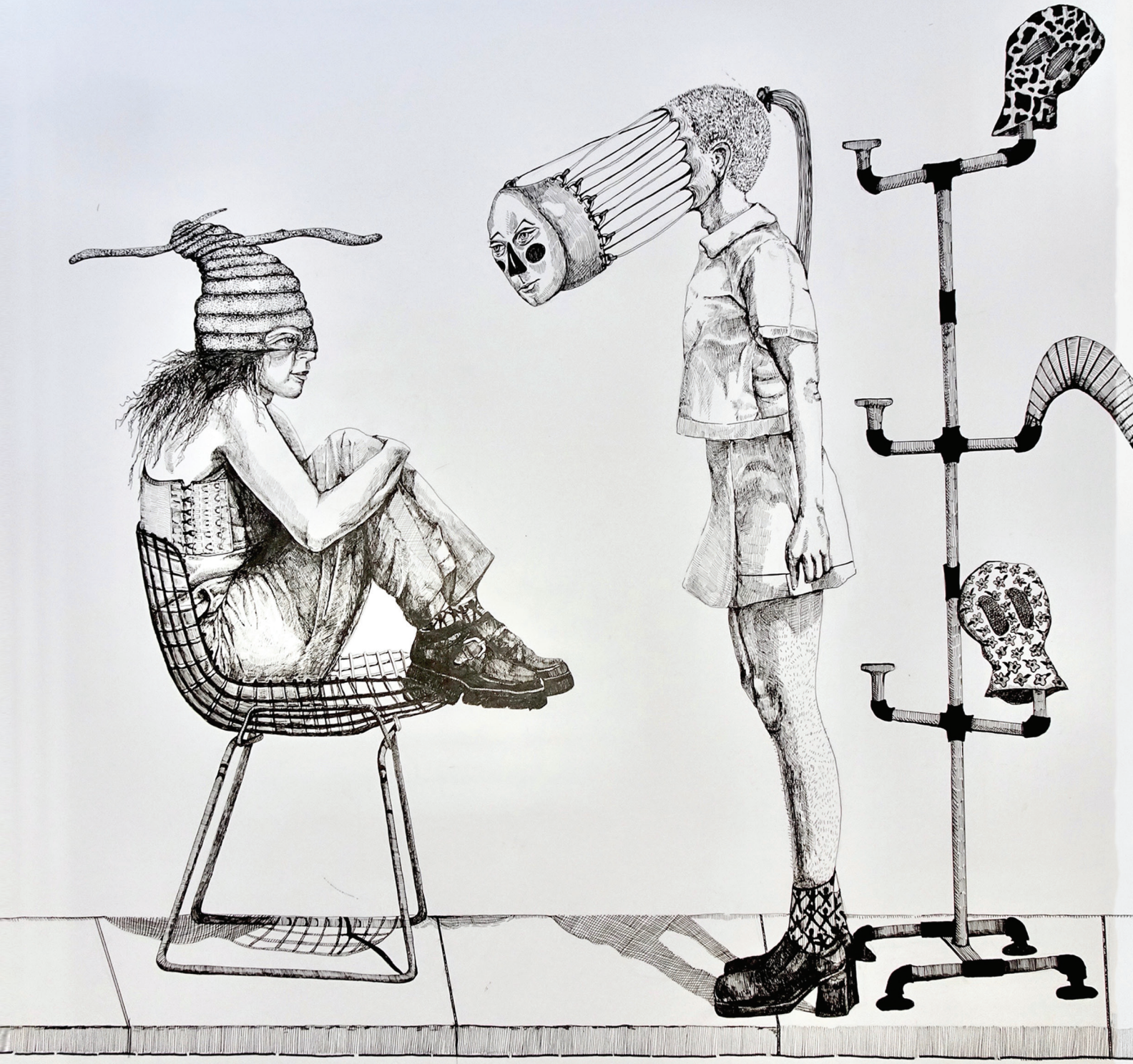

Sunflower
seed
Butter
- Is not a nut butter but was still invited to the party
- cool + likes indie music

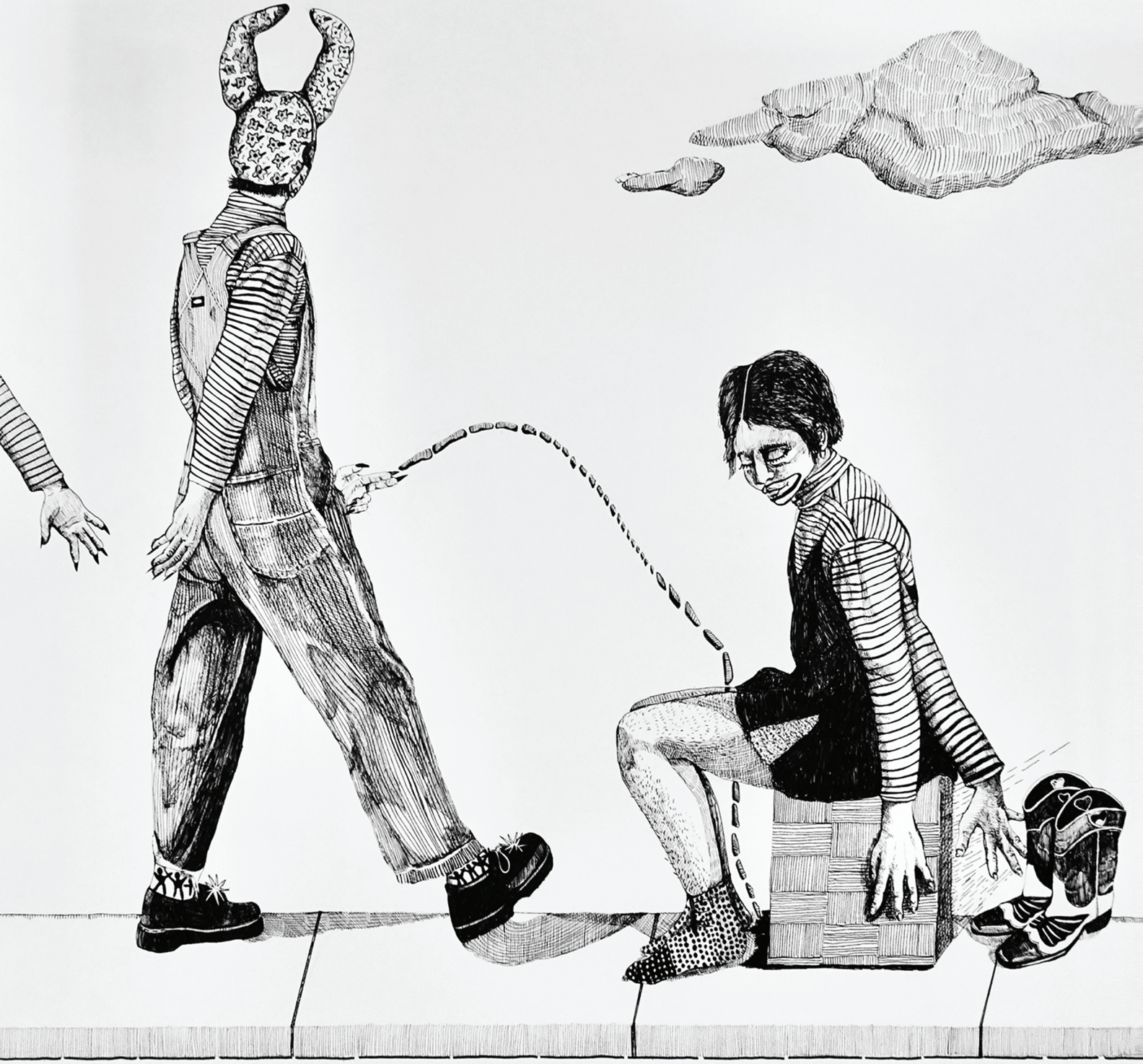
Good ole reliable
NATURAL
PEANUT
BUTTER
will never let you down

Chloe Murr

my body cannot handle yerba mate but that doesn't break our bond

Jessa Dawson





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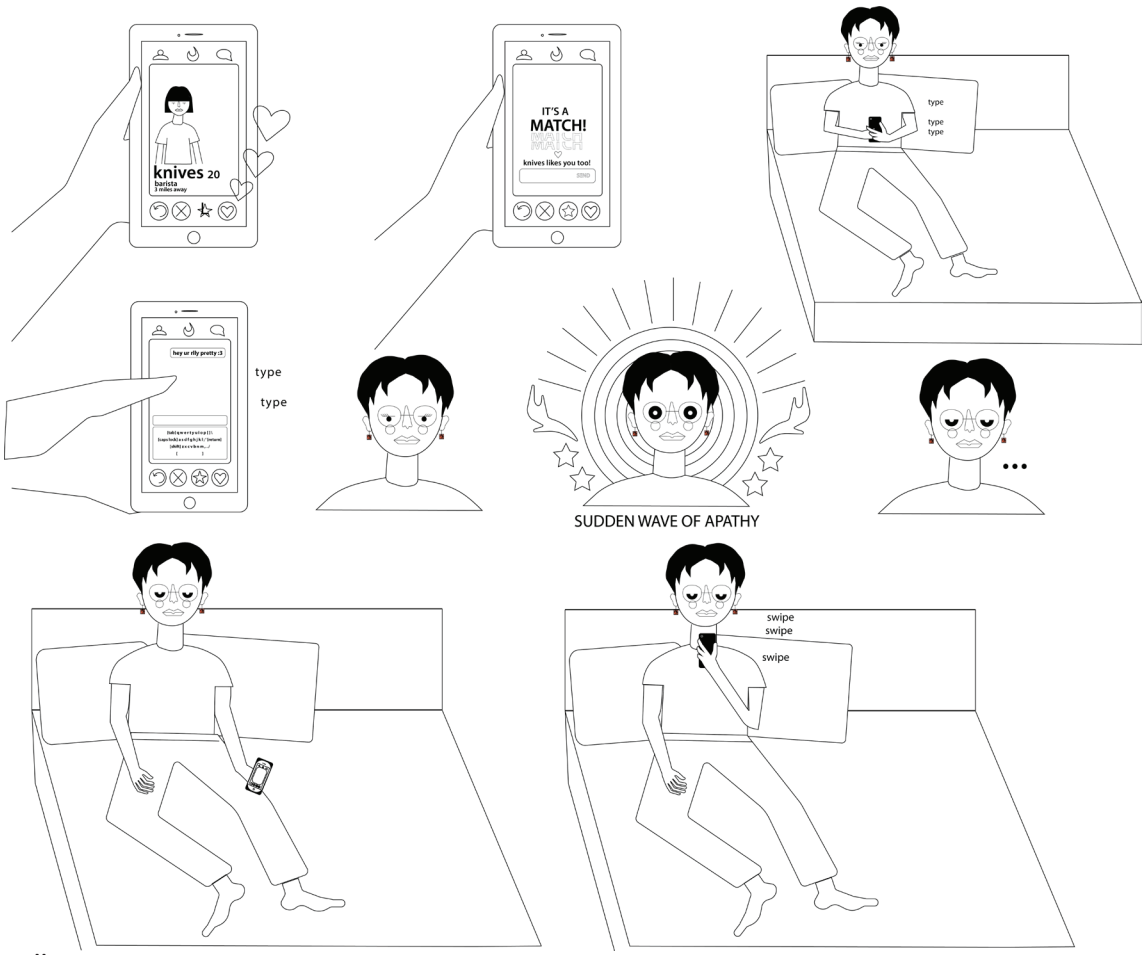


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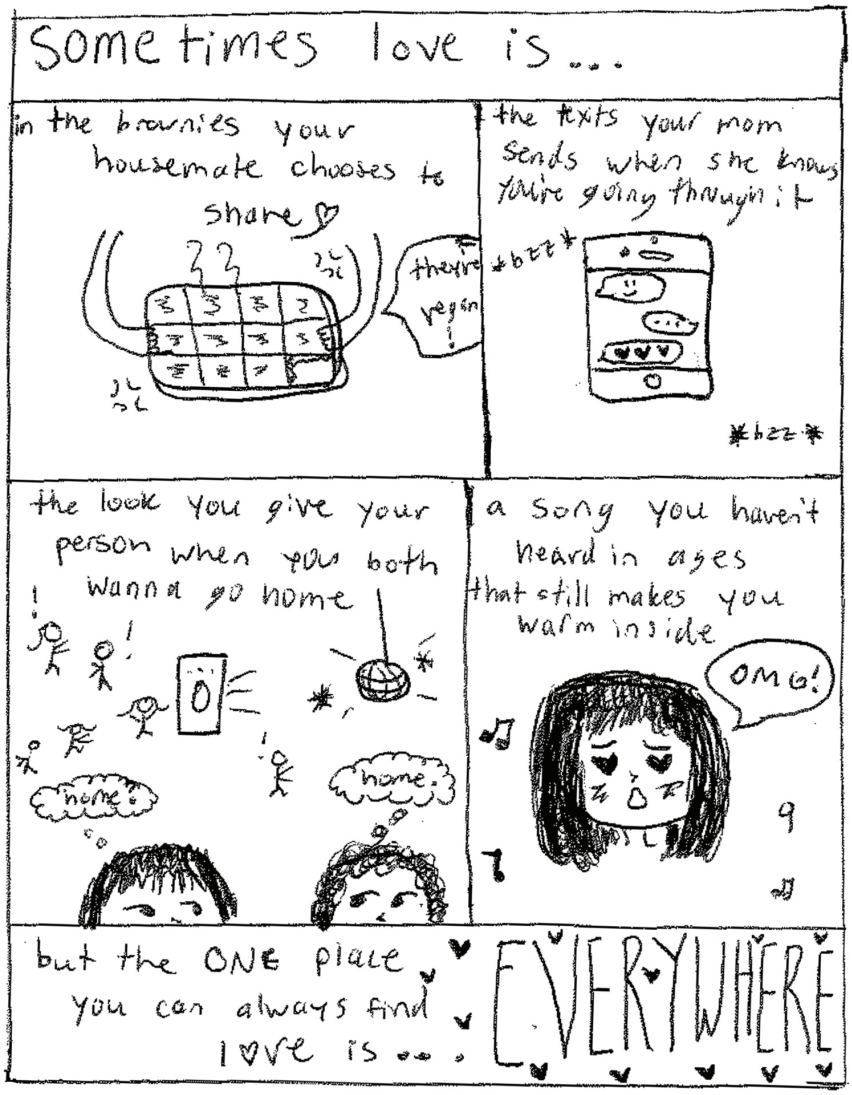


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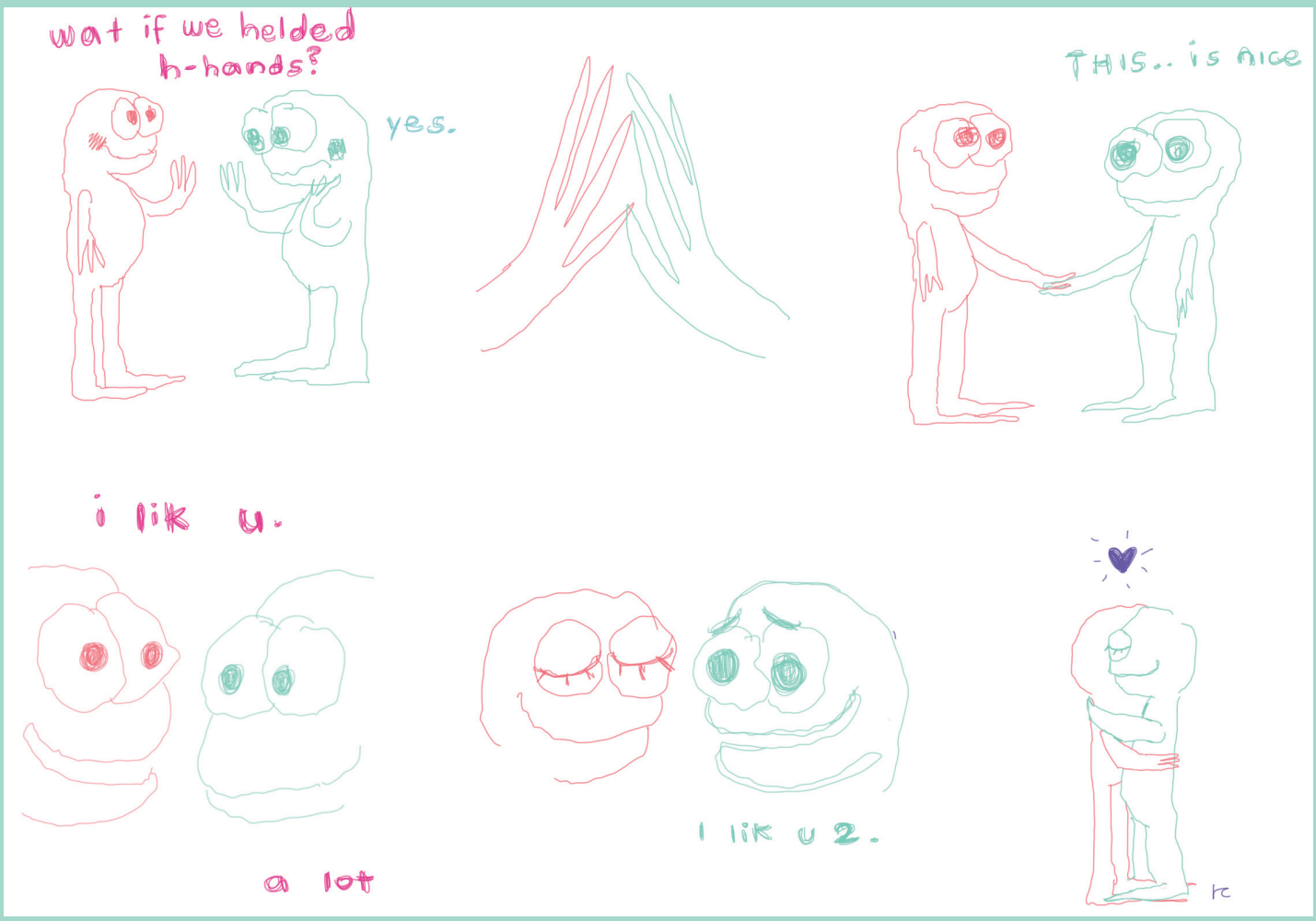
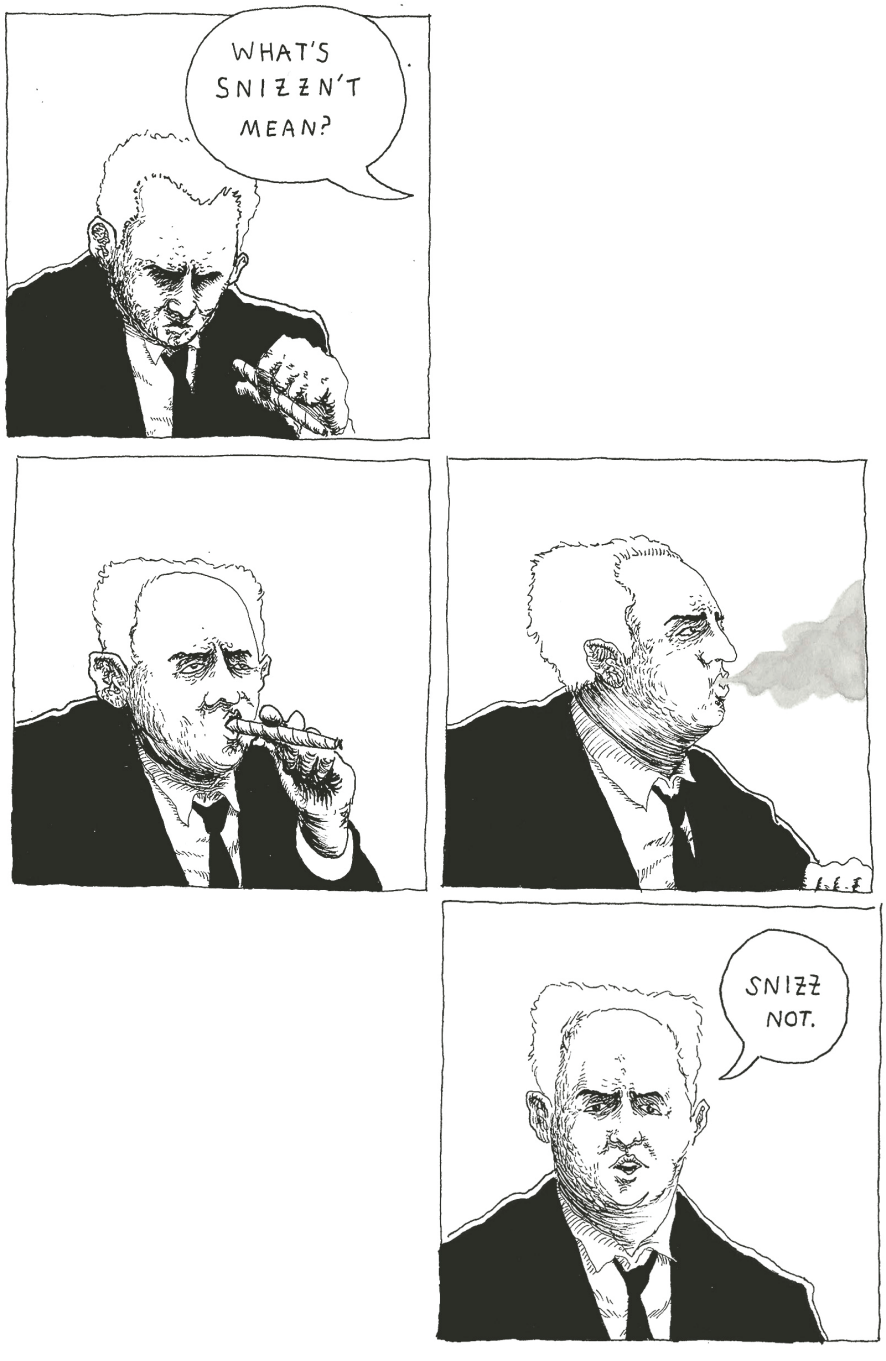



Rose Collins

how come
we always
wonder
if what we're
doing is enough
?




Manne Green

# IT HURTS TO REMEMBER
# I DON'T WANT TO FORGET

there is too much inside my head...

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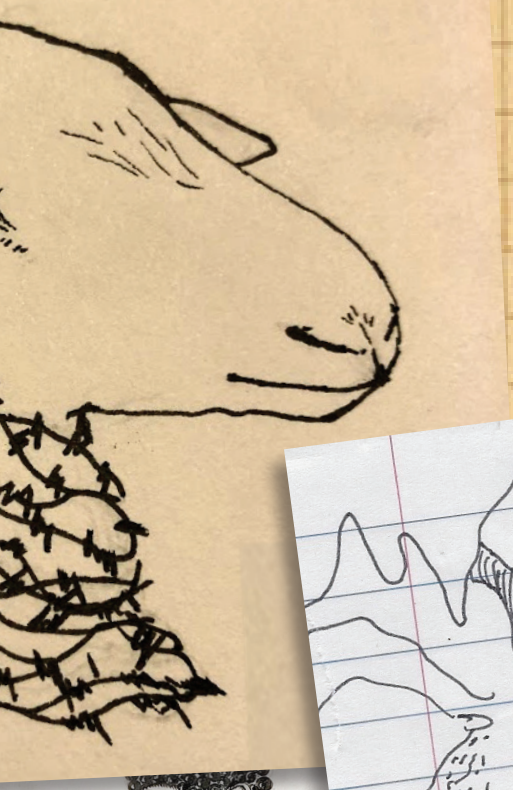


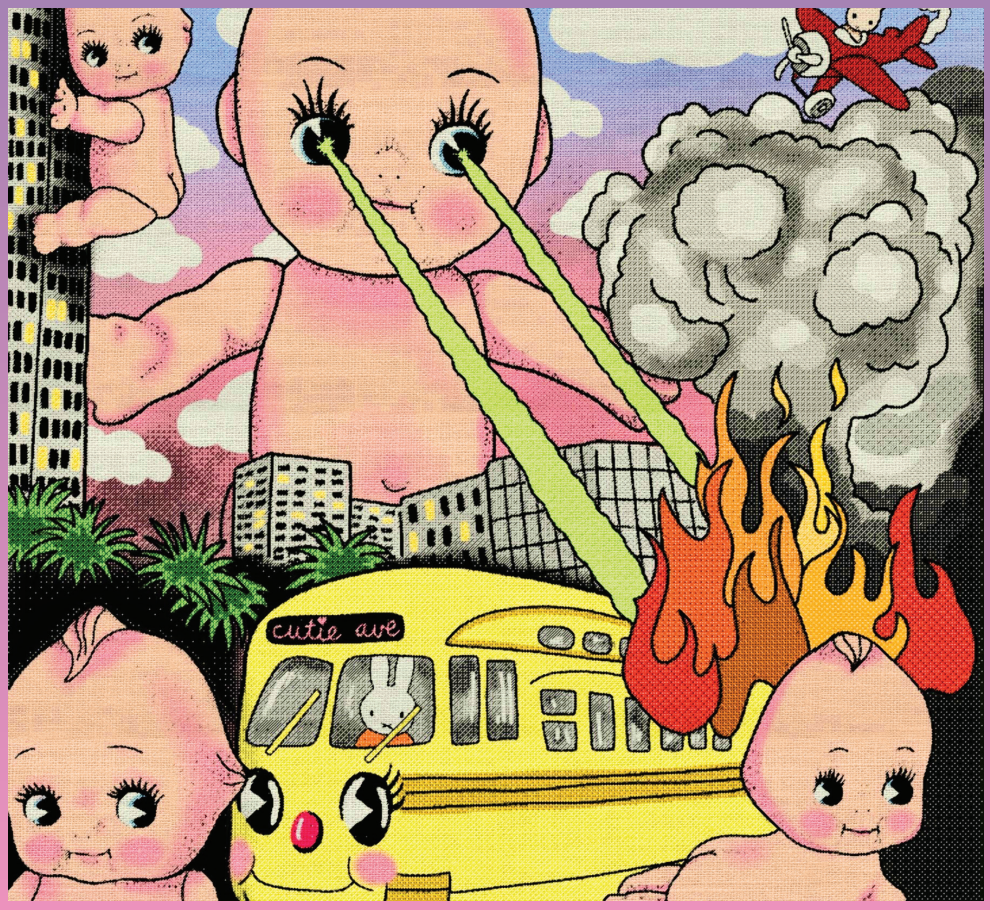
"Put it back"

CAMERON ELSWICK

I'll burn this house down while I'm at it. That would be pretty funny, wouldn't it?

he he he he he he he he he he

Cameron Elswick

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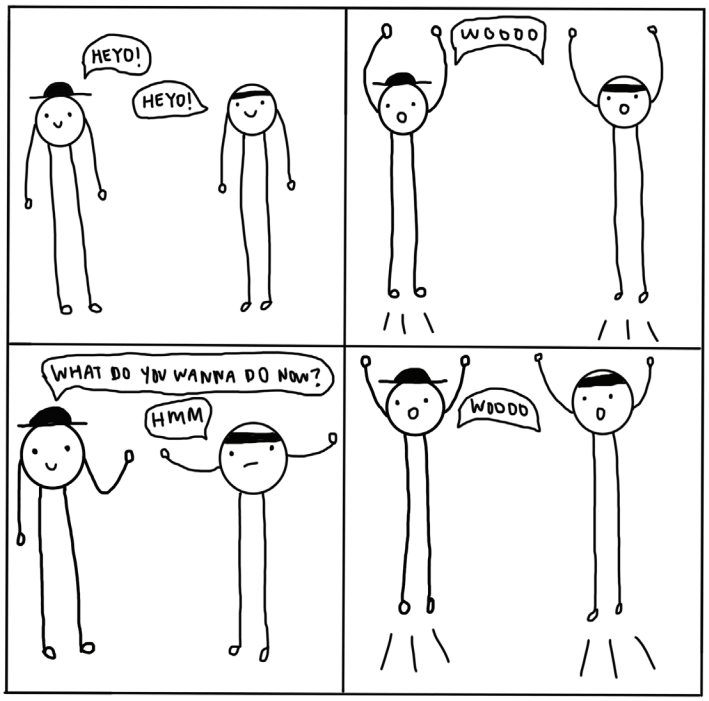
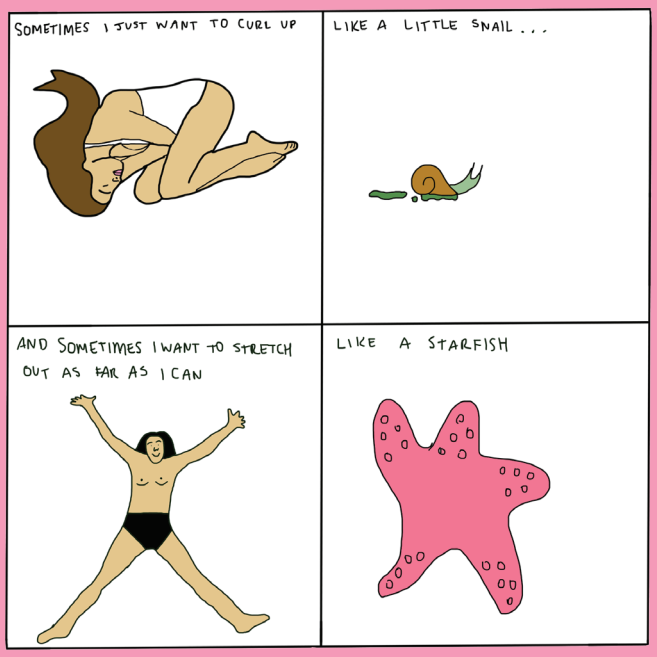

HEYO!
HEYO!
WOOOO
WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO NOW?
HMM
WOOOO

I LIKE TO IMAGINE...
HOLDING HANDS
SMOOCHES
I KNOW SOME-DAY I WILL FIND MY PERSON


SOMETIMES I JUST WANT TO CURL UP
LIKE A LITTLE SNAIL...
AND SOMETIMES I WANT TO STRETCH OUT AS FAR AS I CAN
LIKE A STARFISH

THE SUN SMILES DOWN ON US.
SO DO THE FLOWERS.
A BREEZE
PASSES US BY.
THE WORLD IS
BEAUTIFUL!

Sophia Lin

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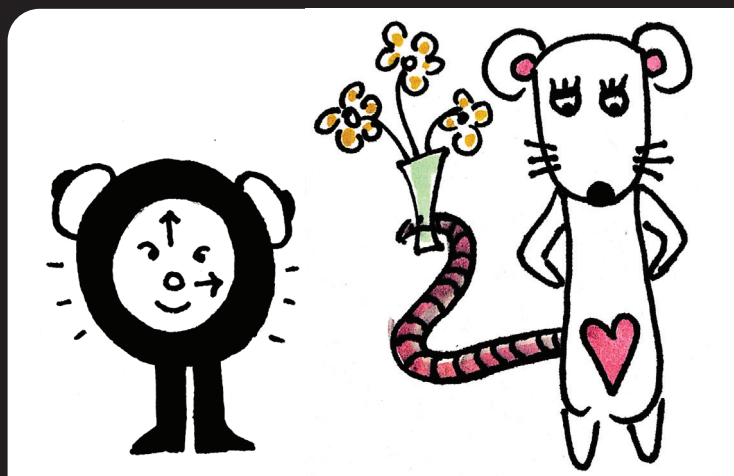

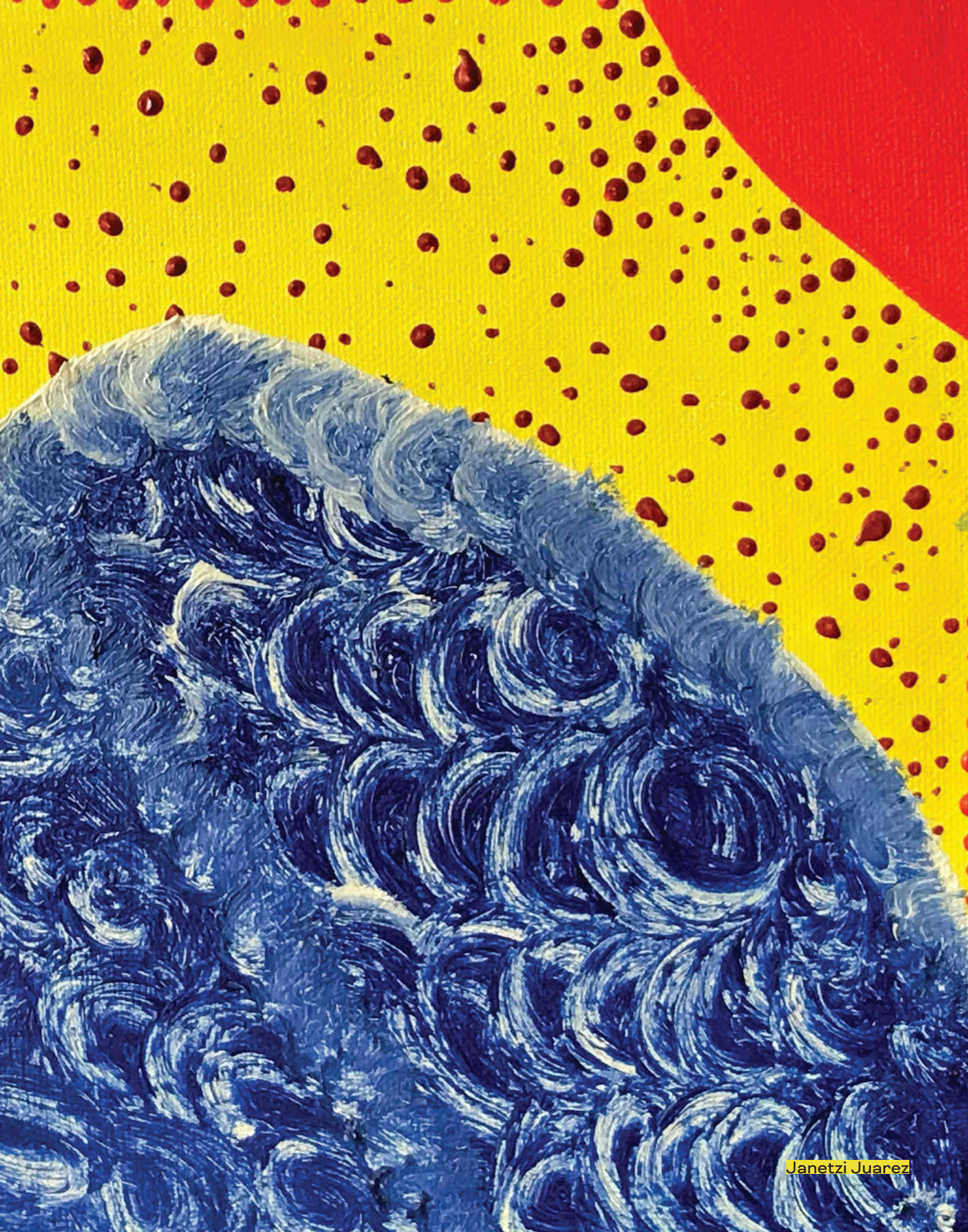
Janetzi Juarez

# fruit·cake

/ˈfro͞otkāk/

*noun*

a cake containing dried fruit and nuts.

- *informal*
  an eccentric or insane person.